

**PHILIPS**

**NORELCO**

*Turbo  
Vacuum  
Trimmer*



**T980**

Rechargeable  
Cord/Cordless

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## ENGLISH

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

When using an electrical appliance, basic safety precautions should always be followed, including the following:

**Read all instructions before using this appliance.**

## DANGER

**To reduce the risk of electric shock:**

1. Do not reach for a Trimmer that has fallen into water. Unplug immediately.
2. Do not use while bathing or in a shower.
3. Do not place or store Trimmer where it can fall or be pulled into a tub or sink. Do not place in or drop into water or other liquid.
4. Always unplug this Trimmer from the electrical outlet immediately after (re)charging.
5. Unplug Trimmer before cleaning.
6. For connection to a supply not in the U.S.A., use an attachment plug adaptor of the proper configuration for the power outlet.
7. When discarding Trimmer, unplug Trimmer to remove rechargeable battery. See Battery Removal instructions.

## WARNING

**To reduce the risk of burns, fire, electric shock or injury to persons:**

1. Close supervision is necessary when this appliance is used by, on, or near children or invalids.
2. Use this Trimmer for its intended household use as described in this manual. Do not use attachments not recommended by the Philips Electronics North America Corporation.
3. Never operate this Trimmer if it has a damaged cord or plug, if it is not working properly, if it has been dropped, damaged, or dropped into water. For assistance call 1-800-243-3050.
4. Keep the Trimmer and cord away from heated surfaces.
5. Never drop or insert any object into any opening. Keep air openings free of lint, hair, etc.
6. Do not charge or plug in Trimmer outdoors or where aerosol (spray) products are being used or where oxygen is being administered.
7. Do not use this Trimmer with a damaged or broken cutter, as facial injury may occur.
8. Do not operate Trimmer with the hair collection chamber cover opened.
9. Always attach plug to Trimmer first, then into outlet. To disconnect, turn ON/OFF switch "OFF" then remove plug from outlet.
10. To prevent possible damage to the cord, do not wrap cord around the Trimmer.
11. Never put Trimmer in direct sunlight or store in a pouch at a temperature above 140°F.
12. This Trimmer is for use on human facial hair only. Do not use this Trimmer for any other purpose.

## SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

**IMPORTANT: The power plug contains a transformer. Do not cut off the power plug to replace it with another plug as this will cause a hazardous condition.**

**IMPORTANT: YOUR TRIMMER CONTAINS A NICKEL-CADMIUM RECHARGEABLE BATTERY.**

See Battery Removal instructions.

## Registration

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## Charging

Charge the Trimmer fully before you start using it for the first time or after a long period of non-use.

### Charge Indications

#### Low Battery

- When the battery capacity is low and the trimmer needs to be charged, the red low battery indicator light will blink when the trimmer is turned off (fig. 2).
- When the battery is completely empty, neither the motor or the lights will go on. In this case you can still trim using the cord provided.

### Charging

- When you start charging, the green charging indicator light burns continuously (fig. 3).

- When the battery is fully charged, the green charging indicator light blinks (fig. 4).

### To Charge / Recharge

- (Re)charging requires approximately 70 minutes.
- Use only the cord provided.
- Battery performance is best if you recharge only when the battery is (almost) completely empty.
- Charging or recharging at temperatures below 40°F or higher than 95°F adversely affects lifetime of battery.
- Continuously recharging or continuously using as a corded Trimmer will reduce life of battery.
- You may also trim using the cord provided. This Trimmer will not recharge while being used corded.

- Be certain Trimmer is OFF.
- Connect cord to Trimmer. Plug into any 120V AC outlet only. Use only the cord provided.

- An adaptor plug may be necessary for cord usage in some foreign countries. Use an attachment plug adaptor of the proper configuration for power outlet.

Do not charge Trimmer in a pouch or for more than 24 hours.

- It requires approximately 70 minutes to fully charge the battery, if the battery capacity is completely empty. If there is still battery capacity available, fully charging the battery will take less time.
- A fully charged Trimmer has a cordless trimming time of up to 45 minutes under normal operation. Turbo Power operation has a cordless trimming time of up to 30 minutes.

- Disconnect the cord and unplug from electrical outlet, unless you are using the Trimmer corded.

### Optimize The Working Life Of The Battery

- After Trimmer has been charged for the first time, do not recharge Trimmer between trimming sessions. Continue using it until the battery is completely empty.

- Discharge the battery completely twice a year by letting the motor run until it stops.

- Do not charge for more than 24 hours.

- Do not keep cord permanently plugged in.

- If Trimmer hasn't been used for a long period of time, Trimmer must be recharged for approximately 70 minutes.

## Turbo Power

- When greater suction power and increased cutting speed is desired while trimming, simply press the Turbo Power Button (fig. 5).
- The Turbo Power Button can only be activated when the trimmer is turned ON.
- When the trimmer is turned OFF, the Turbo Power is automatically deactivated.

## Corded Trimming

- Connect cord provided to Trimmer.
- Plug Trimmer into electrical outlet.
- If battery is completely empty, wait a few minutes before switching Trimmer on.
- Turn Trimmer ON to begin trimming (fig. 6).
- Turn Trimmer OFF and unplug.
- Do not use Trimmer corded when battery is fully charged.

NOTE: Trimmer does not recharge during corded trimming.

## Features

- Patented AccuControl System with Removable Guide Comb Attachment
- Detachable Cutting Unit with 3-Dimensional Rounded Stainless Steel Cutter Blades
- Flexi-Guard Hair Deflector
- ClearView Hair Collection Chamber and Filter
- ClearView Hair Collection Chamber Cover
- Precision Zoom Lock Hair Length Selector with 9 Pre-select Settings
- Selected Hair Length Setting Window
- Turbo Power Button
- ON/Off Button
- Low Battery Indicator Light
- Charge Indicator Light
- Power Cord Socket
- Precision Mini-Trimmer
- Charging Plug
- Cleaning Brush
- Travel/Storage Pouch
- Full Two-Year Warranty
- 45-Day Money-Back Guarantee

## Cordless Trimming

- Charge according to directions. Unplug Trimmer from outlet and remove cord.
- Turn Trimmer ON to begin trimming (fig. 6).
- If the charge runs out while trimming, simply connect cord provided to Trimmer and outlet to continue trimming.

## AccuControl System

The patented AccuControl System with Integrated Vacuum puts you in complete control while trimming your facial hairs with no prior experience needed. The flexing Guide Comb adjusts automatically to hug the contours of your face for a trim that is both even and accurate. And, it's easy to maneuver over those hard-to-reach areas such as the throat and chin. The patented Zoom Lock Hair Length Selector allows you to choose among 9 preset hair lengths and locks into position so you can control the exact hair length you desire or vary the length of your facial hair. The Patented AccuControl System and Zoom Lock Hair Length Selector for professional, goof-proof results every time.

## Integrated Vacuum

The Integrated Vacuum is activated automatically as soon as you switch the trimmer on. It collects cut hairs during every kind of use, i.e. trimming with or without comb attachment and contouring. The flexible hair guide follows the contours of the face and the Flexi-Guard Hair Deflector directs cut hairs towards the nozzle of the vacuum mechanism.

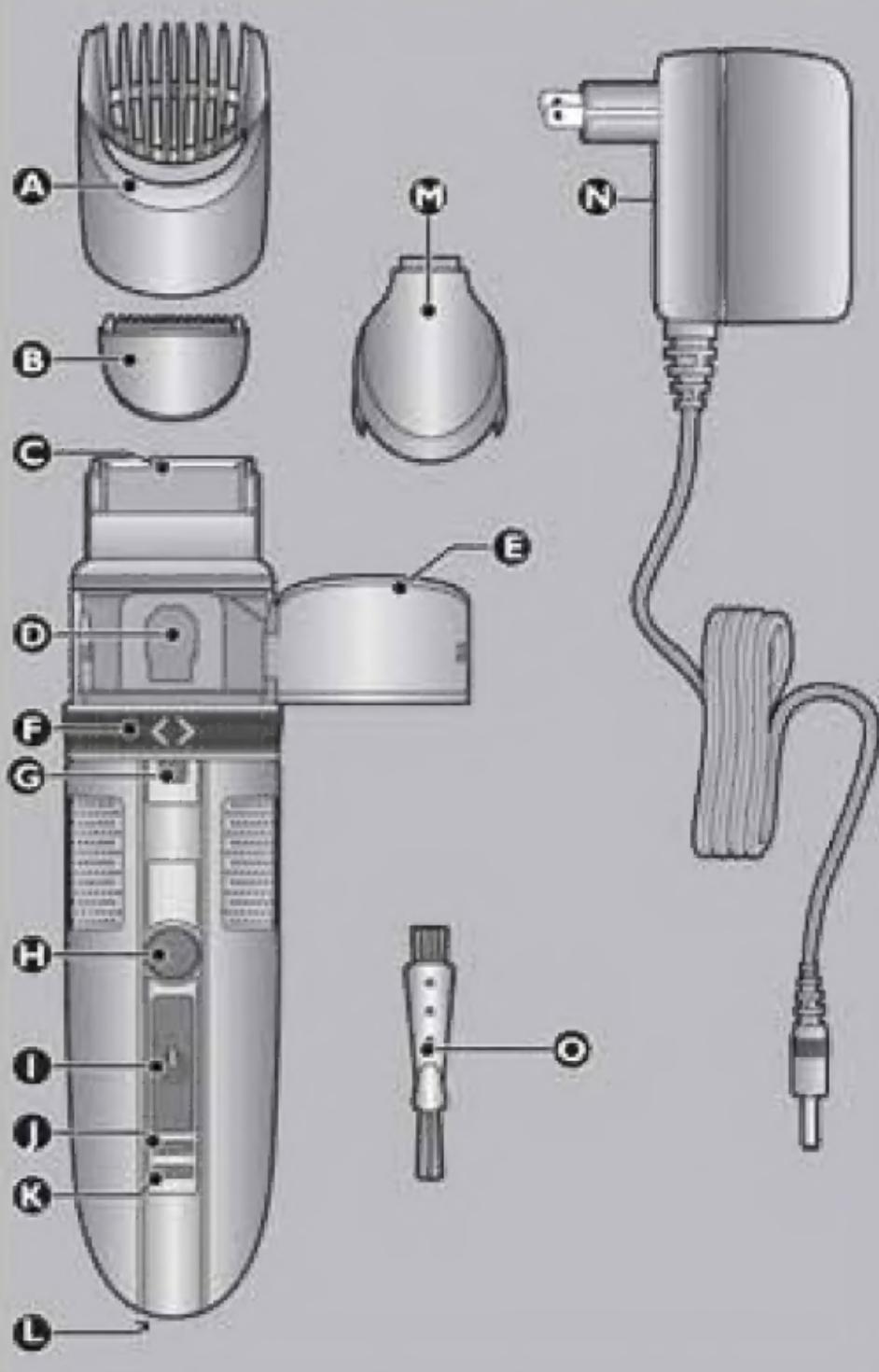
It is recommended that you empty the Hair Collection Chamber after each trimming session. When trimming long, dense beards it may also be necessary to empty the Hair Collection Chamber during the trimming session in order to maintain optimal suction performance (also see 'Cleaning' section, 'Hair Collection Chamber').

► To ensure optimal functioning of the Vacuum Trimmer, do not cut off more than approx. 7mm of your overall beard length at a time. If you want to cut your beard shorter, repeat the process one or more times.

## Trimming

- Use this Trimmer for its intended household use as described in this manual.
- Always comb your beard and/or moustache with a fine comb before you start trimming.
- If you are trimming for the first time, be careful. Do not move the Trimmer too fast. Make smooth and gentle movements.
- After trimming, residual hair length can vary depending on hair type.

## Features



## Trimming With AccuControl Guide Comb Attachment

- Guide Comb Attachment must be on Trimmer in order to use the Zoom Lock.
- 1 Turn the Zoom Lock to the desired trimming length setting (see table). The setting will appear in the window below the Zoom Lock (fig. 7).
- If you are trimming for the first time, start by using the maximum trimming length setting #9 to prevent accidentally trimming hairs too short. As you become familiar with the settings, adjust Zoom Lock to desired trimming length. Zoom Lock will 'click' into position at each setting.

- 2 Turn the Trimmer ON.

- 3 To trim in the most effective way, move the Trimmer against the direction of hair growth. Do not move the trimmer too fast. Make smooth and gentle movements and make sure the surface of the Guide Comb always stays in contact with the skin (fig. 8).

NOTE: Since all hairs do not grow in the same direction, you may want to try different trimming positions (i.e., upwards, downwards, or across).

Practice is best for optimum results.

### Trimming Length Settings Table

#1	Stubble Length or Closely Cropped	.06 in./1.5 mm
#2	Short	.1 in./2.5 mm
#3		.16 in./4 mm
#4		.22 in./5.5 mm
#5	Medium	.3 in./7.5 mm
#6		.38 in./9.5 mm
#7		.48 in./12 mm
#8		.6 in./15 mm
#9	Long	.72 in./18 mm

### Trimming For 'Stubble' Look

- 1 Be certain Guide Comb is on Trimmer and use setting #1 to result in a 'stubble' look (fig. 9).

### Trimming Without Guide Comb Attachment

Remove Guide Comb Attachment if you are:

- Defining hair lines
- Trimming nape of neck
- Removing single, unwanted hairs

- 1 Be certain Trimmer is in the OFF position.

- 2 Remove the Guide Comb Attachment by pulling it off the Trimmer (fig. 10).

Never pull off the Guide Comb Attachment by grasping the flexible top portion. Always pull off by the bottom part of attachment.

- 3 Turn the Trimmer ON.

- 4 Make well-controlled movements. Touch the hair lightly with the Trimmer.

## Shaping With Precision Mini-Trimmer

- For use with moustache, to contour single hairs and sideburns.
- **1 Remove the Guide Comb Attachment (fig. 10).** Never pull off the Guide Comb Attachment by grasping the flexible top portion. Always pull off by the bottom part of attachment.
- **2 Remove the cutting unit (fig. 11).**
- **3 Attach the Precision Mini-Trimmer (fig. 12).** Precision Mini-Trimmer is also suitable for outlining the edges of the beard on the neck and on the cheeks.
- **4 Hold Trimmer in a vertical position and make small, careful strokes (fig. 13).**
- **5 Turn Trimmer OFF.**
- **6 When you have finished using the Precision Mini-Trimmer, you may remove it and replace the cutting unit. You can now put the Guide Comb Attachment back on the Trimmer.**

### Replacing Guide Comb Attachment On Trimmer

- **1 Be certain Trimmer is in OFF position.**
- **2 Replace Guide Comb Attachment until it 'clicks' into position. The Guide Comb Attachment can be placed on Trimmer only one way by properly aligning it to slide into the tracks on sides of Trimmer head. If it does not fit properly, reverse it.**

NOTE: The Zoom Lock can be on any setting when removing or replacing Attachment.

### Cleaning

- Always turn Trimmer OFF before cleaning.
- Do not use abrasive, scourers or liquids such as alcohol, benzene, bleach or acetone to clean the Trimmer.
- Never clean, remove or replace Guide Comb Attachment with motor ON.
- Do not apply pressure to cutters.
- Do not touch cutters with hard objects as this may damage them.
- Do not use while bathing, showering or immerse the Trimmer in water or other liquids as damage to Trimmer may occur.
- Never use sharp or hard objects to clean the filter to avoid damaging it.
- If cut hairs have accumulated in the Guide Comb area, turn Trimmer off, pull Guide Comb Attachment off Trimmer and remove hairs by shaking and/or blowing.

## Hair Collection Chamber

- 1 Turn the Trimmer OFF.
- 2 Open the ClearView Hair Collection chamber cover. The cover opens from the left side of the Trimmer to the right side (Fig. 14).
- 3 Remove the hairs by carefully shaking them out or by brushing them out with the cleaning brush supplied (fig. 15).

► When trimming extremely long, dense beards, it may be necessary to empty the Hair Collection Chamber during the trimming session in order to maintain optimal suction performance.

► If suction performance is not as strong as usual, Hair Collection Chamber may require emptying to restore optimal performance.

► It is recommended that the Hair Collection Chamber be emptied and cleaned out after each use.

► Do not operate the Trimmer with the Hair Collection Chamber cover opened.

## Trimmer

- 1 Make sure the Trimmer is turned OFF and disconnected from the electrical outlet.
- 2 Remove the Guide Comb Attachment (fig. 10).
- 3 Remove the cutting unit (fig. 11).
- 4 Clean the cutting unit and the inside of the Trimmer with the brush supplied (fig. 16).
- 5 Re-attach the cutting unit and the Guide Comb into place on the Trimmer (fig. 17).

## Replacing The Cutting Unit

If your cutters and filter become damaged or worn, do not continue using the Trimmer. Replace cutters and/or filter immediately.

This Trimmer has no other user-serviceable parts. For assistance call 1-800-243-3050.

## Assistance

For Assistance, call toll free:

**1-800-243-3050**  
or visit our website: [www.philips.com/norelco](http://www.philips.com/norelco)

Information is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

## Storage

► Be sure Trimmer is turned off and remove cord from outlet and Trimmer before storing in a safe, dry location where it will not be crushed, banged, or subject to damage.

► Do not wrap cord around Trimmer when storing.

► Store Cord in a safe location where it will not be cut or damaged.

► Do not place or store Trimmer where it can fall or be pulled into a tub or sink, water or other liquid.

## Battery Removal

- This Philips Norelco Trimmer contains a rechargeable Nickel-Cadmium battery which must be disposed of properly (fig. 18).
- Batteries should only be removed when Trimmer is to be discarded.
- For assistance, call toll free: 1-800-243-3050 or visit our website; [www.philips.com/norelco](http://www.philips.com/norelco).

- 1** Unplug electrical cord from outlet and Trimmer before dismantling Trimmer.
- 2** Allow the Trimmer to run until the battery is empty/depleted.
- 3** Turn Trimmer OFF.
- 4** Remove the 2 side panels with a screwdriver (fig. 19).  
Note: You may use a narrow flat blade screwdriver.
- 5** Remove the front panel with a screwdriver (fig. 20).
- 6** Pull out the printed circuit board (fig. 21).
- 7** Remove the rechargeable battery using a screwdriver and detach it by bending or turning it several times until the connections break (fig. 22).
- 8** Do not attempt to replace battery. Insulate battery ends by covering with tape and/or place battery in a small plastic bag.
- 9** Discard your Trimmer. Do not attempt to plug electrical cord into the outlet or recharge the Trimmer after the battery has been removed.
- 10** Contact your local town or city officials for battery disposal information or call 1-800-8-BATTERY or [www.rbrc.com](http://www.rbrc.com) for battery drop-off locations.

## Full Two-Year Warranty

Philips Electronics North America Corporation warrants each new Philips Norelco product, Model T980 against defects in materials or workmanship for a period of two years (cutters for up to four years) from the date of purchase, and agrees to repair or replace any defective product without charge.

**IMPORTANT:** This warranty does not cover damage resulting from accident, misuse or abuse, lack of reasonable care, the affixing of any attachment not provided with the product or loss of parts or subjecting the product to any but the specific voltage.\* Use of unauthorized replacement parts will void this warranty.

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***The Trimmer must be shipped prepaid by insured mail, insurance prepaid, and have the original sales receipt, indicating purchase price and the date of purchase, enclosed. We cannot be responsible for lost mail. The Trimmer must be postmarked no later than 45 days after the date of purchase. Philips Norelco reserves the right to verify the purchase price of the Trimmer and limit refunds not to exceed suggested retail price.***

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